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SUPPLEMENT

1. The Demokratisches Frauenbund (Democratic Women's League) received no invitation to the International Women's Conference held in Bad Boll, Wurttemberg (U.S. Zone), on 20-23 May 1947. Nevertheless Dr. Durand-Wever, Dr. von Renthe, and Maria Rentmeister went to Bad Boll as representatives of the DF. They were very coolly received by the women from the western zones who made no attempt to conceal their dislike of Russian-directed activities.

2. On 7 June 1947 the managing committee of the Frauenbund was summoned to Karls-
horst by Col. Tulpanov. Dr. Durand-Wever, Käthe Kern, Marie Weiterer, and
Hilde Schikowski complied with the summons. They were received with hostility,
Tulpanov raving for two hours over the shortcomings of the League. He especi-
ally criticized them for allowing a five minute limit on speeches at Bad Boll.
Tulpanov also showed great interest in Frau von Kardorff's (LDP) Bad Boll speech
on "Pan-Europe", wherein she made a number of anti-Russian remarks.

3. Tulpanov warned that the Frauenbund should increase its propaganda and social
work. It was agreed that the Women's Committees in the Russian Zone should be
dissolved. In their place a Women's Secretariat was to be established in the
Central Administration of Education, consisting of one woman for each state and
province of the Russian Zone who would represent the Democratic Women's League
and the former Women's Committees. It was planned that the DF should also
have a vote in local administrative matters on a par with FDGs.

4. The managing committee of the Demokratisches Frauenbund met 3-4 May 1947 in
Schwerin. The following members attended:

Dr. Anne-Marie Durand-Wever
Marie Weiterer
Hilde Schikowski
Magda Sendhoff

Non-partisan
SED
LDP
SED

1st Chairman
Sec'y General
Deputy Sec. General
Executive Sec'y of Central
Women's Committee
Deputy Chairman, Democratic
Women's League
Women's Committee of LDP
Women's Committee of SED
Women's Committee of SED
Women's Committee of SED
Executive Committee of SED
Consumers' Cooperative
Chairman of Democratic Women's
League in Saxony

Nora Melle
Ellis Schmidt
Käthe Kern
Maria Rentmeister
Toni Wohlgenuth
Welter
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